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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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TAGS: PFOR, BU

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN REACTION TO CHILEAN COUP

REF: SOFIA 1226

1. AS OF SEPT 17 BULGARIAN MEDIA CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON INTERNAL ASPECTS OF CHILEAN COUP, REPORTING WIDELY ON "TERRORISM" OF JUNTA, "MARTYRDOM OF ALLENDE, ETC". WE HAVE SEEN NO CHARGES BEYOND THOSE IN REFTEL WHICH TIE US TO COUP, ALTHOUGH MEDIA CONTINUES TO ACCUSE "INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLY CAPITAL" WITH CREATING SITUATION WHICH ALLOWED COUP TO TAKE PLACE.

2. RABOTNICHESKO DELO SEPT 15 CARRIED TASS STORY ENTITLED "WASHINGTON'S POSITION". ACCORDING TO STORY "OFFICIAL US CIRCLES ADMIT THEY WERE INFORMED ABOUT COUP IN ADVANCE", BUT DID NOT INFORM ALLENDE GOVT SINCE "OFFICIAL US POLICY IS ONE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES". DISPATCH ALSO CARRIES REMARKS

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OF REP. HARRINGTON.

3. AS EXPECTED, NUMBER OF RALLIES IN SUPPORT OF "CHILEAN SOCIALIST WORKING CLASS" BEING HELD AROUND BULGARIA. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR SOFIA JULIO ALFARO HAS IDENTIFIED WITH ALLENDE GOVT BY SENDING MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FOR SUCH RALLIES AND IS QUOTED BY "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" AS STATING HIS BELIEF THAT "WORKING CLASS IN CHILE WILL OVERCOME" PRESENT SITUATION.

4. DESPITE WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO RALLIES, EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED ONE LETTER OR PROTEST TELEGRAM, USUALLY A PREDICTABLE RESULT OF SUCH CAMPAIGNS. STREET IN FRONT OF EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS FORCED TO WALK ON OTHER SIDE OF STREET. DESPITE LARGE RALLY SEPT 14 AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS, TO DATE NO SIGNS THAT DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED AGAINST US.

5. COMMENT: BULGARIAN RETICENCE TO LABEL US AS CULPRIT BEHIND COUP WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE AS LONG AS SOVIET MEDIA REFRAIN FROM DIRECT ATTACKS.  
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